

# CIA Bosses Substitute Black Tie for Black Cloak

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When the two top men of the Central Intelligence Agency don their black ties to dine at the same embassy — a rare occurrence — politically — conscious Washington is bound to wonder why.

Such was the case at the Moroccan Embassy last night, when both CIA Director William Colby and Deputy Director Gen. Vernon Walters and their wives were guests of the new Moroccan ambassador, Abdelhadi Boutaleb.

"It could mean everything . . . or nothing," grinned Syrian Ambassador Savah Kabbani. "They are trying to be open now — going everywhere, showing candor."

**COLBY** — as austere as his deputy is jovial — said there was "no significance" in their joint appearance on the party circuit. But he agreed with the "out in the open" theory: "We're putting on our black ties . . . not our black cloaks," he said with a smile.

Since the guest of honor was King Hassan II's chief military and security aide, Col. Ahmed Dlini, it was all quite natural that the

CIA and a plethora of Pentagon generals in brilliantly colored dress uniforms should be included among the 140 guests at the seated dinner, according to U.S. Ambassador to Morocco Robert Neumann.

Neumann, who is home for consultations, saw no connection between U.S. bases in Morocco and the colonel's visit, he said.

And Dlini himself commented: "I'm here to contact American friends and discuss questions of common interest. There are no problems . . ."

Boutaleb is the latest of a succession of what might be called "King's men" to represent Morocco in Washington.

Ahmed Osman, ambassador a few years ago, is the king's brother-in-law. Badreddine Senoussi, the last ambassador, helped save the king's life during a 1971 assassination attempt. And the new ambassador was the King's tutor many years ago.

**BOUTALEB** 51, taught Moroccan history and Arabic literature to King Hassan in 1944 when he was crown prince and Boutaleb was professor of literature and history at

the Imperial College in Rabat, Morocco's capital.

He also was one of the Moroccan monarchists who fought for independence and helped return Hassan's father, King Mohammed V, from exile in Madagascar.

Deputy Secretary of State Robert Ingersoll, former secretary of state William P. Rogers, Egyptian Ambassador and Mrs. Ashraf Ghorbal and Saudi Arabian Ambassador and Mrs. Ibrahim Al Sowayel were among the guest at round tables in the embassy's Arabic Room who worked their way through a five-course dinner.